UPJVNL	—	Uttar Pradesh Jal Vidyut Nigam Ltd.
UPPCL	—	Uttar Pradesh Power Corporation Ltd.
UPRVUNL	—	Uttar Pradesh Rajya Vidyut Utpadan Nigam Ltd.
WBPDCL	—	West Bengal Power Development Corporation Ltd.
WBSEB	—	West Bengal State Electricity Board.

Thermal Plants Facing Coal Shortage

642. SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD:
SHRI B.J. PANDA:

Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that thermal plants are facing coal shortage which is affecting our power generation;

(b) if so, the details of the power plants that are facing this problem; and

(c) what is the action plan of Government to overcome this obstacle in power generation?

THE MINISTER OF POWER (SHRI P.M. SAYEED): (a) Yes, Sir.

As reported by National Thermal Power Corporation (NTPC), generation loss at NTPC stations due to low level of coal supplies *vis-a-vis* requirement during the current year (April-November, 2004), are given as under:—

Power Station	NTPC Demand (000 tonnes)	Actual Coal Supplies (000 tonnes)	Generation Loss due to coal shortage (MUs)
Farakka STPS	7610	5901	98.94
Kahalgaon STPS	4190	3608	152.92
Talcher STPS	9198	7110	1210.74
Talcher TPS	1765	1661	20.56
Rihand STPS	4100	2766	66.93

However, during the period April-November, 2004, coal based thermal power generation was 225.258 BUs as against the programme of 250.555 BUs.

(c) The following steps are being taken to overcome the shortage of coal to the thermal power stations:

(i) The Infrastructure Constraints Committee, headed by Secretary (Co-ordination), Cabinet Secretariat, reviews monthly the coal supply to the thermal power stations in the country.

(ii) A Sub-group (constituted by the Infrastructure Constraints Committee) headed by the Joint Secretary (Coal), Ministry of Coal and members from the Ministry of Power, Central Electricity Authority, Ministry of Railways and Coal India Limited reviews and take corrective measures to ensure smooth supply of coal to thermal power stations. The sub-committee meets 3-4 times in a month.

(iii) Import of coal by certain power stations.

(iv) According to Ministry of Coal, Coal India Limited has revised its overall coal production target from existing 314 million tonnes to 331 million tonnes and for power sector from 240 million tonnes to 248 million tonnes for the current year 2004-05.

Wooing Independent Power Producers

643. DR. T. SUBBARAMI REDDY: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether out of 35 States and UTs in India, 21 States and UTs have drawn blank in wooing the independent power producers;

(b) if so,whether according to a study conducted by the Associated Chambers of Commerce and Industries, India's remaining 14 States and UTs have, however, succeeded in roping in the IPPs for a considerable number of power units generation in total installed capacities;

(c) if so, which States which have been able to utilize this policy of power; and

(d) what are the steps Government propose to take to see that all States to do improve the position of power?